

Remarks:

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, 18 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) being anticipated by Delaurier. The Examiner takes the position that since the position of the shafts 62 of Delaurier can be selectively fixed in an inoperative position by the position of the stop 68, it reads on our independent Claims 1 and 16.

In response the Applicant has amended independent Claims 1 and 16 to specify that the stop is operative to selectively fix the position of the shafts with respect to the frame bracket when the ground engaging tool or furrow opener is engaged in the ground.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the proposed amendments render the invention of amended Claims 1 and 16 unanticipated by the disclosure of Delaurier.

Conclusions:

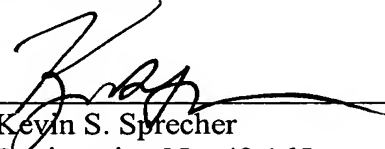
The Applicant respectfully submits that the subject matter of the amendments is shown in the drawings and described in the specification, and thus add no new matter. Applicant submits the proposed amendments to put this case in condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully solicits entry of the proposed amendment and the allowance of Claims 1 - 22.

If, however, the Examiner should for any reason consider this application not to be in condition for allowance he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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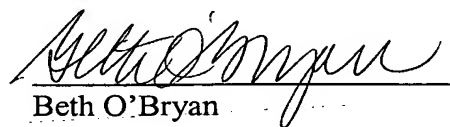
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